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juveniles would have to have. At the hearing was a very pleasant surprise, a fellow named Michael Goodrich, who went through the program used here in Lancaster County, with a juvenile who had painted and vandalized a piece of his property. The court, acting on its own authority, requested if both sides wished to mediate, and both sides did. The juvenile had a chance to meet the person whose property he had defaced. The property holder had a chance to meet the juvenile. And in this case the outcome, the agreement of the mediation was that the juvenile would help repaint the garage, would come over on several Saturday mornings and do the work at the offender's home. And what Mr. Goodrich said was that over time the two of them came to appreciate their differences and talked on a wide variety of matters and have some continuing relationship. He said that would never have happened in the normal course of events when juveniles are tried and sentenced to some kind of penalty by the court or made to suffer those kinds of deterrent or punishment kinds of actions on the face of the court. I can tell you that there are judges who would like to be able to make use of this, they would like to be able to have authority in statute to make this kind of an order, and it does lay down the standards for this kind of program to take place. There were no opponents, there was no neutral testimony, and I would ask for the adoption of this amendment which is essentially LB 1038. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. If I could ask Senator Landis a question or two.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Landis, will you yield?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, I could.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Until right there at the end, Senator, I wasn't aware of which bill this was, or I could probably have looked up the question I'm going to ask you. But, is there...

SENATOR LANDIS: Sure.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...any fiscal impact or fiscal note along